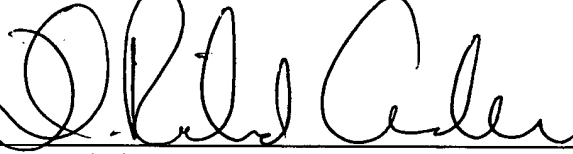


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Sir:

In reply to the Official Action mailed January 2, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application; claims 1, 2, and 4-8 being independent. In light of the remarks contained herein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 5 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Monroe et al.* (USP 6,181,954) in view of *Kita* (USP 6,263,218). Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for noting the allowability of claims 1-4, 6, and 7.